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11. (SBU) USEU provided Reftel points to European Commission and Council Secretariat officials charged with Kimberley Process implementation and Zimbabwe policy. Stephane Chardon, Commission External Relations Administrator for Crisis Management and Conflict Prevention confirmed on March 12 that he is directly in touch with EEB/ESC staff on this issue. Council Secretariat Coordination Unit sanctions staffer Francesco Fini deferred to Chardon for action, as did Council Secretariat Deputy Head of Unit for Africa Task Force Peter Clausen.

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